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TOWN OFFICERS

Moderator, John Milton Street	Term expires: 1956
Selectmen, Helen F. Hazelton	Term expires: 1958
Edward R. Elliott	Term expires: 1956
Ralph H. Wales	Term expires: 1957
Town Clerk, Winifred H. Clark	Term expires: 1956
Treasurer, Pearl Y. Stevens	Term expires: 1956
Collector of Taxes, A. Lester Stevens	Term expires: 1956
Forest Fire Wardens, Chester A. Hurd, Appointed	
A. Lester Stevens, Appointed	
Robert Young, Appointed	
Wayne J. Lawlor, Appointed	
Philip A. Emmes, Appointed	
Andrew Lampi, Appointed	
Wallace B. Newton, Appointed	
Edward R. Elliott, Appointed	
Supervisors of Checklist, Wayne J. Lawlor	Term expires: 1956
Emily A. Day	Term expires: 1956
Elizabeth J. Hurd	Term expires: 1956
Highway Agent, Harold A. Wilson	Term expires: 1956
Trustee of Trust Funds, Rosilda A. Wilson	Term expires: 1956

DIVISION OF MUNICIPAL ACCOUNTING STATE TAX COMMISSION

CONCORD, NEW HAMPSHIRE

January 19, 1956

CERTIFICATE OF AUDIT

This is to certify that we have examined and audited the accounts and records of the Town of Sharon for the fiscal year ended December 31, 1955, and found them to be in good order. In our opinion the Exhibits included herewith reflect the true financial condition of the Town on December 31, 1955, together with the results of operations for the fiscal year ended on that date.

Respectfully submitted,

HAROLD G. FOWLER, Director
Division of Municipal Accounting
State Tax Commission

ALAN R. MATTHEWS, Auditor
HUGH J. CASSIDY, Accountant

SUMMARY OF ACTIONS TAKEN AT TOWN MEETING IN 1955

Article 3. Voted that salaries of Town Officers remain the same as last year and that these salaries include transportation expenses of Town Officers within a radius of ten miles of Sharon.

Article 4. Voted \$470 for town expenses and \$100 for workmen's compensation.

Article 5. Voted \$100 for care of cemeteries.

Article 6. Voted \$15 for Town Health Officer.

Article 7. Voted \$400 for fire protection.

Article 8. Voted \$29 for Monadnock Region Association.

Article 9. Voted that the year-end audit of the Town's books and records be made by the Municipal Accounting Division of the State Tax Commission.

Article 10. Voted that the Selectmen be authorized to borrow a sum of money not to exceed \$3000 in anticipation of taxes.

Article 11. Voted \$90 for the care and maintenance of the Town Hall (Brick Schoolhouse), including, if possible, the re-seeding to grass of the front lawn.

Article 12. Voted that the Selectmen be authorized to sell the old iron stove, the old wooden table, and the stacked firewood in the Brick Schoolhouse.

Article 13. Voted that the Selectmen be authorized to accept the offer of the Town of Peterborough to have the members of its police department available in emergency situations for police protection in Sharon.

Article 14. Voted \$1100 for Summer Maintenance of Town roads.

Article 15. Voted \$900 for Winter Maintenance of Town roads.

Article 16. Voted \$900 for oiling and sanding portions of Temple Road, Spring Hill Road and Cross Road.

Article 17. Voted that the Selectmen be authorized to raise through the issuance of bonds or notes a sum not to exceed \$6700 for the purpose of making improvements to Nashua Road and Cross Road.

Article 18. Voted \$174.04 for Class IV and Class V construction, reconstructions or betterment aid. The State to contribute \$1160.29.

TOWN WARRANT

To the Inhabitants of the Town of Sharon, in the County of Hillsborough, in said State, qualified to vote in Town Affairs:

You are hereby notified to meet at the Brick Schoolhouse in said Sharon on Tuesday, the thirteenth of March next at 7:30 P. M. of the clock in the evening, to act upon the following subjects:

ARTICLE 1. To hear the reports of Agents, Auditors or Committees and Officers heretofore chosen, and pass any vote relative thereto.

ARTICLE 2. To choose all necessary Town Officers for the year ensuing: specifically, Town Clerk, 1 year; Selectman for 3 years; Tax Collector, 1 year; Highway Agent, 1 year; Treasurer, 1 year; Trustee of Trust Funds, 1 year.

ARTICLE 3. To see if the Town will vote to establish the amount which shall be paid the Town Officers for their services or take any action relative thereto.

ARTICLE 4. To raise and appropriate such sum of money as may be necessary for Town Expenses.

ARTICLE 5. To raise and appropriate such sum of money as may be necessary for the care of cemeteries or take any action thereto.

ARTICLE 6. To raise and appropriate the sum of \$15.00 to pay for the services of the Town Health Officer, or take any action relative thereto.

ARTICLE 7. To see what sum of money the Town will vote to raise and appropriate for fire protection, or take any action relative thereto.

ARTICLE 8. To see what sum of money the Town will vote to raise and appropriate for the care and maintenance of the Brick Schoolhouse.

ARTICLE 9. To raise and appropriate the sum of \$75.00 for street lighting.

ARTICLE 10. To raise and appropriate the sum of \$25.00 for Damages and Legal Expenses, including Dog Damage.

ARTICLE 11. To raise and appropriate the sum of \$31.00 (1-100th of 1% of the assessed valuation of the Town) to be paid to the Monadnock Region Association.

ARTICLE 12. To raise and appropriate the sum of \$50.00 for the year-end audit of the Town's books and records.

ARTICLE 13. To raise and appropriate the sum of \$100.00 for Election and Registration Expenses.

ARTICLE 14. To see if the Town will vote to authorize the Selectmen to borrow a sum of money not to exceed \$3000.00 in anticipation of taxes.

ARTICLE 15. To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate \$1100 for summer maintenance of town roads.

ARTICLE 16. To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate \$900 for winter maintenance of town roads.

ARTICLE 17. To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate \$700 for oiling and sanding the Nashua Road and the present oiled portion of Cross Road.

ARTICLE 18. To raise and appropriate the sum of \$1340 to pay off one-fifth of the Town's 5-year note of \$6700 held by the First National Bank of Peterborough.

ARTICLE 19. To see what action the Town will take in respect to the legacy left it under the will of William LeRoy Young which specifies as follows: "... the sum of Two Thousand Dollars (\$2,000.00) to the Town of Sharon, New Hampshire, and it is my wish and recommendation but not my direction that this bequest be placed with the Town Trust Funds and the income received therefrom to be used for the upkeep of the Town School House."

ARTICLE 20. To see if the Town will vote to establish a Planning Board of five members with duties as set forth in Sections 1-15, Chapter 36, New Hampshire Statutes Annotated, 1955, revised as amended, to make a study of the Town's development and report to the Town appropriate recommendations for the promotion and maintenance of the Town's best development. The Board members shall consist of one Selectman and four other citizens appointed by the Selectmen, as provided in Sections 1-15, Chapter 36, N. H. revised Statutes annotated, 1955.

ARTICLE 21. To see if the Town will transact any other business that may legally come before this meeting.

Given under our hands and seals this 26th day of January in the year of our Lord nineteen hundred and fifty-six:

RALPH H. WALES
EDWARD R. ELLIOTT
HELEN F. HAZELTON

Selectmen of Sharon

BUDGET OF THE TOWN OF SHARON, N. H.

Estimates of Revenue and Expenditures for the Ensuing Year January 1, 1956 to December 31, 1956. Compared with Estimated and Actual Revenue, Appropriations and Expenditures of the Previous Year 1955.

Sources of Revenue	Estimated Revenue Previous Year 1955	Actual Revenue Previous Year 1955	Estimated Revenue Ensuing Year 1956
From State:			
Interest and Dividends Tax	\$2,293 00	\$2,339 07	\$2,600 00
Savings Bank Tax	6 00	20	20
Reimbursement a/c State & Fed.			
Forest Lands	12 00	14 77	15 00
Reimbursement a/c Exemption			
Growing Wood	320 00		765 00
For Fighting Forest Fires		9 00	
State's Share of 5 years TRA			1,160 00
From Local Sources Except Taxes:			
Dog Licenses	41 00	51 60	50 00
Motor Vehicle Permit Fees	650 00	570 84	570 00
Return Prem. on W. C. Ins.		37 26	37 00
Amount Raised by Issue of Bond or Notes:			
For making improvements to			
Class V Roads under TRA	6,700 00	6,700 00	
Cash Surplus	600 00	1,258 93	700 00
From Local Taxes other than Property Taxes:			
Poll Taxes—Regular at \$2.00	84 00	74 00	84 00
Property Taxes 1954		357 00	
Yield Taxes	80 00	103 47	143 00
Head Taxes—Net retained by Town		24 24	25 00
TOTAL REVENUE from all Sources			
Except Property Taxes	\$10,786 00	\$11,540 38	\$6,149 20
Amount to be raised by Property Taxes	8,203 04	8,012 70	8,161 80
TOTAL REVENUES			\$14,311 00

Purposes of Expenditures	Approp's Previous Year 1955	Actual Expenditures Previous Year 1955	Estimated Expenditures Ensuing Year 1956
Current Maintenance Expenses:			
General Government:			
Town Officers' Salaries	\$730 00	\$730 00	\$740 00
Town Officers' Expenses	470 00	431 17	470 00
Election and Registration Expenses	50 00	32 00	100 00
Audit	50 00	44 83	50 00
Expenses Town Hall	90 00	121 17	50 00
Protection of Persons and Property:			
Fire Department	400 00	122 60	350 00
Health:			
Health Department	15 00	15 00	15 00
Highways and Bridges:			
Town Maintenance—Summer	1,100 00	779 91	1,100 00
Town Maintenance—Winter	900 00	827 17	900 00
Street Lighting	75 00	73 44	75 00
Tar, Oiling and Sanding	900 00	896 15	700 00
Town Road Aid	174 04	174 04	
Public Service Enterprises:			
Cemeteries	100 00	94 50	100 00
Unclassified:			
Damages & Legal Expenses, Including Dog Damage	25 00		25 00
Advertising & Regional Asso.	29 00	29 00	31 00
Abatement of 1954 Property Taxes		2 97	
Interest:			
On Temporary Loans	25 00	12 50	20 00
On Long Term Notes & Bonds	201 00	52 11	155 25
Outlay for New Construction and Permanent Improvements:			
Highways and Bridges:			
State Aid Construction—5 yrs.			
TRA in one year	6,700 00	6,700 00	
Payment on Principal of Debt:			
Reduction of Principal on \$6700 note			1,340 00
Payments to Other Gov. Divisions:			
County Taxes	1,350 00	1,180 62	1,200 00
School Taxes	5,605 00	5,605 00	* 6,890 00
TOTAL EXPENDITURES	\$18,989 04	\$17,924 18	\$14,311 00

*Includes 1955 deficit of \$618.00

SUMMARY INVENTORY OF VALUATION

TOWN OF SHARON—1955

Land and Buildings (Exclusive of Growing wood and timber)	\$289,750 00
Electric Plants	17,400 00
Cows—9	675 00
Horse—1	25 00
Steam Shovel—1	1,000 00
Gasoline Pumps and Tanks—4	100 00

Total Gross Valuation before exemptions allowed	\$308,950 00
Less: Soldiers' Exemptions	1,000 00

Net Valuation on which Tax Rate is computed \$307,950 00

Number of veterans who received property exemption: 1

Number of veterans and aged persons exempted from poll tax: 14

RALPH H. WALES

EDWARD R. ELLIOTT

HELEN F. HAZELTON

Selectmen of Sharon

July 30, 1955

STATEMENT OF APPROPRIATIONS AND TAXES FOR THE TAX YEAR 1955

APPROPRIATIONS:

Town Officers' Salaries	\$730 00	
Town Officers' Expenses	470 00	
Election and Registration Expenses	50 00	
Audit	50 00	
Town Hall & Buildings Maintenance	90 00	
Fire Department	400 00	
Health Department	15 00	
Town Road Aid	174 04	
Town Maintenance (Roads)	2,000 00	
New Construction—Oiling	900 00	
Street Lighting	75 00	
Cemeteries	100 00	
Damages and Legal Expenses: Dog		
Damages	25 00	
Advertising & Regional Associations	29 00	
Payments on Debt		
(Interest \$226.00)	226 00	
County Tax	1,180 62	
School Tax	5,605 00	
Total Town & School Appro.	\$12,119 66	\$12,119 66
Less: Estimated Revenues and Credits		
Interest and Dividends Tax	\$2,339 07	
Savings Bank Tax	6 00	
Reimbursement a/c State & Federal Lands	12 00	
Reimbursement a/c Exemption of Growing		
Wood and Timber	549 15	
Motor Vehicle Permit Fees	650 00	
Dog Licenses	41 00	
Cash Surplus	600 00	
Other Revenue: Head Taxes—Net		
retained by Town	26 50	
Total Revenues and Credits		\$4,223 72
Plus Overlay		7,895 94
Net Amount to be raised by Taxation		194 76
Less: 42 Poll Taxes at \$2.00		8,090 70
Amount to be raised by property taxes		84 00
on which tax rate is to be figured		8,006 70
Rate of taxation per \$100 of valuation		
for all purposes		*\$2 60
* $\$8,006.70 \div \$307,950 = \$2.60$		

COMPARATIVE STATEMENT OF APPROPRIATIONS AND EXPENDITURES
FISCAL YEAR ENDED DECEMBER 31, 1955

Title of Account	Liabilities	Appropriations	Receipts &	Total	Expenditures	Balance	Liabilities
	Forwarded From 1954	1955	Reimbursements	Amount Available	1955	Unexpended	Forwarded To 1956
						Overdrawn	
Town Officers' Salaries		\$730 00		\$730 00	\$762 50		
Town Officers' Expenses		470 00		472 41	398 67	\$73 74	\$32 50
Tax Commission Audit		50 00	\$2 41	50 00	44 83	5 17	
Election & Registration		50 00		50 00	32 00	18 00	
Town Hall & Town Buildings		90 00		90 00	73 70	16 30	
Fire Dept. & Forest Fires		400 00	9 00	409 00	122 60	286 40	
Health Department		15 00		15 00	15 00		
Town Road Aid to State		174 04		174 04	174 04		
Town Maintenance		2,000 00		2,000 00			
Tar, Oiling & Sanding Town Roads		900 00		900 00	2,503 23	396 77	
Street Lighting		75 00		75 00	73 44	1 56	
Cemeteries		100 00		100 00	94 50	5 50	
Damages, Legal & Dog Damage		25 00		25 00		25 00	
Advertising & Regional As.		29 00		29 00			
Interest on Debt		226 00		226 00	64 61	161 39	
County Tax		1,180 62		1,180 62	1,180 62		
School Tax		5,605 00		5,605 00	5,605 00		
Overlay—Abatements & Tax Refunds	\$1,000 00	194 76		194 76	8 97	185 79	\$1,000 00
New Equipment—Office							
State Aid Construction	47 50			47 50	47 47	03	
(Accelerated Program)			(*) 6,700 00				
TOTALS	\$1,047 50	\$12,314 42	\$6,711 41	\$20,073 33	\$17,930 18	\$1,175 65	\$1,000 00
(*) Long Term Note Issued						\$32 50	\$1,000 00

COMPARATIVE STATEMENT OF ESTIMATED AND ACTUAL
REVENUES AND BUDGET SUMMARY FISCAL YEAR ENDED
DECEMBER 31, 1955

Source	Revenues		Excess	Deficit
	Estimated	Actual		
Interest & Dividend Tax	\$2,339 07	\$2,339 07		
Savings Bank Tax	6 00	20		\$5 80
Reimbursement a/c State and Federal Lands	12 00	14 77	\$2 77	
Reimbursement a/c Exemption of Growing Wood & Timber	549 15	*549 15		
Motor Vehicle Permit Fees	650 00	570 84		79 16
Dog Licenses	41 00	51 60	10 60	
Interest Received on Taxes		7 50	7 50	
Cash Surplus	600 00	600 00		
State Head Taxes—Retained by Town	26 50	24 00		2 50
Refunds & Reimbursements		30 49	30 49	
Excess of Taxes Committed Over Budgetary Requirements		6 00	6 00	
TOTALS	\$4,223 72	\$4,193 62	\$57 36	\$87 46
*Reimbursement Due from State		\$395 86		
Yield Taxes Assessed		153 29		
		<u>\$549 15</u>		

BUDGET SUMMARY

Unexpended Bal. of Appro.	\$1,175 65	
Overdrafts of Appropriations	32 50	
Net Unexpended Balance of Appropriations		\$1,143 15
Estimated Revenue	\$4,223 72	
Actual Revenue	<u>4,193 62</u>	
Net Revenue Deficit		<u>\$30 10</u>
Net Budget Surplus		\$1,113 05

COMPARATIVE BALANCE SHEETS FISCAL YEARS ENDED
DECEMBER 31, 1954 AND 1955

ASSETS	Dec. 31, 1954	Dec. 31, 1955
Cash—Treasurer	\$2,258 93	\$2,457 59
Accounts Due Town:		
State of New Hampshire:		
Bounties	\$49 50	\$58 00
Reimbursement a/c Exemption of Growing Wood & Timber	<u>49 50</u>	<u>395 86</u>
		453 86

Uncollected Taxes	350 32	200 99
Uncollected State Head Taxes (Contra)		15 00
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Total Assets	\$2,658 75	\$3,127 44
Net Debt		4,589 75
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Total Assets and Net Debt	\$2,658 75	\$7,717 19
LIABILITIES:		
Accounts Owed By Town:		
Unexpended Balance of		
Appro. for New Office Equipment	\$47 50	
State Head Taxes:		
Uncollected Taxes (Contra)		\$15 00
Collected—Due State Treasurer	\$20 30	2 19
	<hr/>	<hr/>
	\$20 30	\$17 19
Long Term Note Outstanding:		
State Aid Construction Note		*\$6,700 00
School District Tax—Balance	1,000 00	1,000 00
	<hr/>	<hr/>
Total Liabilities	\$1,067 80	\$7,717 19
Surplus	1,590 95	
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Total Liabilities and Surplus	\$2,658 75	\$7,717 19
*\$6,700.00—(1/5) to be amortized Annually:		
From State	\$1,160 00	
By Town Approp.	180 00	

EXHIBIT B

TOWN OF SHARON
ANALYSIS OF CHANGE IN FINANCIAL CONDITION
FISCAL YEAR ENDED DECEMBER 31, 1955

Surplus—December 31, 1954	\$1,590 95	
Net Debt—December 31, 1955	4,589 75	
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Change in Financial Condition		\$6,180 70
FACTORS AFFECTING CHANGE IN FINANCIAL CONDITION		
Increase in Net Debt:		
Long Term Note Issued	\$6,700 00	
1954 Cash Surplus Used to Reduce		
1955 Tax Rate	600 00	
	<hr/>	\$7,300 00
Decrease in Net Debt:		
Net Budget Surplus (Exhibit D)	\$1,113 05	
Yield Tax Abatement from State	6 25	
	<hr/>	\$1,119 30
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Net Increase		\$6,180 70

STATEMENT OF TOWN CLERK'S ACCOUNTS
FISCAL YEAR ENDED DECEMBER 31, 1955

DEBITS

Motor Vehicle Permits Issued:		
1954—Nos. 224563—224566	\$6 72	
1955—Nos. 237301—237368	564 12	
	<hr/>	\$570 84
Dog Licenses Issued:		
18 Males at \$2.00	\$36 00	
4 Females at \$5.00	20 00	
	<hr/>	\$56 00
Less: 22 Fees Retained at .20	4 40	
	<hr/>	\$51 60
		<hr/>
		\$622 44
CREDITS:		
Remittances to Treasurer:		
A/c Motor Vehicle Permits	\$570 84	
A/c Dog Licenses	51 60	
	<hr/>	\$622 44

TAX LEVY OF 1955—SUMMARY OF WARRANT
FISCAL YEAR ENDED DECEMBER 31, 1955

DEBITS:

Taxes Committed to Collector:		
Property Taxes	\$8,012 70	
Poll Taxes	84 00	
Yield Taxes	153 29	
	<hr/>	\$8,249 99
Interest Collected	82	
	<hr/>	\$8,250 81

CREDITS:

Remittances to Treasurer:		
Property Taxes	\$7,871 78	
Poll Taxes	74 00	
Yield Taxes	97 22	
Interest	82	
	<hr/>	\$8,043 82
Poll Tax Abatements	6 00	
Uncollected Taxes:		
Property Taxes	\$140 92	
Poll Taxes	4 00	
Yield Taxes	56 07	
	<hr/>	\$200 99
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		\$8,250 81

TAX LEVY OF 1954—SUMMARY OF WARRANT
FISCAL YEAR ENDED DECEMBER 31, 1955

DEBITS:		
Uncollected Taxes—December 31, 1954:		
Property Taxes	\$350 32	
Interest Collected During 1955	6 68	
	<hr/>	\$357 00
CREDITS:		
Remittances to Treasurer:		
A/c Property Taxes	\$350 32	
A/c Interest	6 68	
	<hr/>	\$357 00

STATE HEAD TAXES—LEVY OF 1955
SUMMARY OF WARRANT
FISCAL YEAR ENDED DECEMBER 31, 1955

DEBITS:		
Original Warrant Committed		\$265 00
CREDITS:		
Remittances to Treasurer	\$240 00	
Abatements	10 00	
	<hr/>	\$250 00
Uncollected Head Taxes—Dec. 31, 1955	15 00	
	<hr/>	\$265 00
In Account With State Treasurer:		
Balance Due State Treasurer—Dec. 31, 1954		\$20 30
Tax Levy of 1955:		
Original Warrant Collected	\$240 00	
Less: 10% Retained by Town	24 00	
	<hr/>	\$216 00
Net Amount Due State		<hr/>
Total Amount Due State Treasurer		\$236 30
Payments to State Treasurer During 1955		234 11
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Balance Due State Treasurer, Dec. 31, 1955		\$2 19

SUMMARY OF TREASURER'S ACCOUNT AND PROOF OF
BALANCE FISCAL YEAR ENDED DECEMBER 31, 1955

Balance—January 1, 1955	\$2,258 93	
Receipts During Year	20,365 45	
	<hr/>	\$22,624 38
Expenditures During Year		20,166 79
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Balance—December 31, 1955		\$2,457 59

PROOF OF BALANCE

Balance in The First National Bank of Peterborough, as Per Statement Dated December 30, 1955		\$4,042 10
Add: Deposit—January 6, 1956		17 38
		<hr/> \$4,059 48
Less: Checks Outstanding	444	\$6 50
	445	28 75
	446	1,255 00
	447	276 74
	448	2 40
	449	32 50
		<hr/> 1,601 89
Reconciled Balance—December 31, 1955		<hr/> \$2,457 59

CLASSIFIED SUMMARY OF RECEIPTS AND EXPENDITURES
FISCAL YEAR ENDED DECEMBER 31, 1955

RECEIPTS:

Current Revenue:

Local Taxes:

Current Year:

Property Taxes	\$7,871 78	
Poll Taxes	74 00	
Yield Taxes	97 22	
State Head Taxes—1955	240 00	
	<hr/>	\$8,283 00

Prior Years:

Property Taxes	350 32	
Interest Received on Taxes	7 50	
	<hr/>	\$8,640 82

State of New Hampshire:

Interest & Dividends Tax	\$2,339 07	
Savings Bank Tax	20	
Reimbursement a/c State Forest Lands	14 77	
Fighting Forest Fires	9 00	
Yield Tax Abatement	6 25	
Head Tax Reimbursement	2 41	
	<hr/>	\$2,371 70

Local Sources, Except Taxes:

Dog Licenses	\$51 60	
Registration of Motor Vehicles	570 84	
	<hr/>	622 44

Total Current Revenue Receipts \$11,634 96

Receipts Other Than Current Revenue:

Temporary Loans (Tax Anticipation)	\$2,000 00
Long Term Note (State Aid Construction)	6,700 00

Refunds:

Return Premium—Insurance	\$27 49	
To Cancel 1954 Check 282 Outstanding	3 00	
	<hr/>	\$30 49

8,730 49

Total Receipts From All Sources \$20,365 45
Balance, January 1, 1955 2,258 93

Grand Total

\$22,624 38

EXPENDITURES:

General Government:

Town Officers' Salaries	\$762 50	
Town Officers' Expenses	398 67	
Election & Registration	32 00	
Tax Commission Audit	44 83	
Town Owned Buildings (School House)	73 70	
	<hr/>	\$1,311 70

Protection of Persons & Property:

Fire Department & Forest Fires	\$122 60	
Bounties	8 50	
	<hr/>	\$131 10
Health Department		15 00

Highways & Bridges:

Town Road Aid to State	\$174 04	
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Town Maintenance:

Summer	\$779 91	
Winter	772 12	
Oiling Roads	896 15	
General Expense	55 05	
	<hr/>	\$2,503 23
Street Lighting	73 44	
	<hr/>	\$2,750 71

Public Service Enterprises:

Cemeteries		\$94 50
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Unclassified:

Advertising & Regional Associations	\$29 00	
Tax Refunds (Overlay)	2 97	
	<hr/>	\$31 97

Indebtedness:

Temporary Loans		\$2,000 00
Interest on Temporary Loan	\$12 50	
Interest on Long Term Note	52 11	
	<hr/>	64 61
	<hr/>	\$2,064 61

New Construction & Equipment:

State Aid Construction Paid State	\$6,700 00	
New Office Equipment	47 47	
	<hr/>	\$6,747 47

Other Governmental Divisions:

State Head Taxes Paid State Treasurer	\$234 11	
County Taxes	1,180 62	
School District Tax	5,605 00	
	<hr/>	\$7,019 73

Total Payments For All Purposes

Balance, December 31, 1955	\$20,166 79	
	2,457 59	
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Grand Total

\$22,624 38

HIGHWAY AGENT'S REPORT 1955

HAROLD A. WILSON, Agent

SUMMER MAINTENANCE AND BRIDGES

H. A. Wilson, Highway Agent	\$158 40	
H. A. Wilson, Truck	345 60	
H. A. Wilson, loading gravel	2 50	
R. H. Wilson, Gravel	18 00	
R. H. Wilson, Truck	43 00	
Octave Bernier, Truck	27 00	
Richard Lord, Labor	3 00	
Ray Road Equipment	8 66	
J. Burton, Sander	6 25	
T. Kolapakka, Labor	14 00	
Boutwell's Garage	1 00	
Town of Jaffrey, Grader	126 00	
Keene Sand & Gravel	26 50	
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		\$779 91

WINTER MAINTENANCE

H. A. Wilson, Truck	\$341 25	
H. A. Wilson, Agent	25 30	
Alton Eaves, labor	5 00	
Greenville Grain Co., Salt	78 00	
Lorden Lumber Co.	97 20	
Sears Roebuck & Co., Bulldozer & Batteries	30 90	
Thompson Coal & Grain, Salt	18 50	
Howard Doten, labor	13 13	
R. H. Wilson, labor	25 50	
R. H. Wilson, Chain Saw	33 00	
J. Hoyth, labor	1 25	
Richard Lord, labor	15 00	
Edwin Cutter, labor	5 63	
Allen Simmons	9 38	
J. Kulish	8 00	
Octave Bernier	3 75	
Town of Jaffrey, Sand	10 20	
H. Belletete	26 25	
R. H. Wilson, Tractor	2 00	
T. Kolapakka, labor	5 00	
Waite Wilson, labor	1 00	
Hafeli Fuel & Ice Co.	14 63	
Harold Turner, labor	1 25	
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		\$772 12
Less Overpayment		70
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		\$771 42

TAR APPROPRIATION

H. A. Wilson, Highway Agent	\$17 60	
H. A. Wilson, Truck	125 40	
R. H. Wilson, Truck	112 50	
R. H. Wilson, Loader	52 50	
Richard Lord, labor	7 00	
Louis Marchetti	8 00	
Vikko Hill	9 00	
John Kolapakka	9 00	
Henry Belletete	10 15	
H. Miller, Grader	22 75	
Trimount Bituminous Products	522 25	
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		\$896 15

SUMMARY OF WORK DONE ON TOWN ROADS FOR 1955

Spring Hill Road—Graded, treated with asphalt, cut brush.
 Mountain Road—Gravel, graded, trim brush.
 South Road—Graded.
 Swamp Road—Graded, gravel, cut brush.
 Clark Road—Graded, gravel, cut brush.
 Greenleaf Road—Cut brush, cleaned culverts.
 Temple Road—Treated with asphalt, cleaned culverts.
 McCoy Road—Shoulders treated with asphalt, graded, gravel,
 cut brush.
 Drury Road—Graded.
 Spring Mill Road—Graded
 Cross Road—Part treated with asphalt, T. R. A.
 Nashua, T. R. A., graded, brush cut, culverts cleaned, gravel.

STATEMENT OF TRUST FUNDS PRINCIPAL, INCOME AND DEPOSITS
FISCAL YEAR ENDED DECEMBER 31, 1955

NAME OF FUNDS	Depository Peterborough Savings Bank	Amount of Principal	Balance Dec. 31, '54	INCOME Earned 1955	ACTIVITY Expended 1955	Balance Dec. 31, '55	Total Funds on Deposit Dec. 31, '55
Addie Royse	22123	\$100 00	\$7 54	\$3 75	\$1 75	\$9 54	\$109 54
George and Mary Royse Wilson	20837	50 00	1 79	1 77	1 75	1 81	51 81
David & Hannah Carleton Wilson	20659	50 00	2 15	1 80	1 75	2 20	52 20
Bacon Cemetery Fund	16339	200 00	46 39	8 65	1 75	53 29	253 29
John B. Shedd Cemetery Fund	24043	150 00	27 98	6 22	1 75	32 45	182 45
Wirling Gregg Fund	16902	100 00	15 00	4 01	1 75	17 26	117 26
Estate of Ellen A. Wilson	26016	200 00	11 08	7 41	1 75	16 74	216 74
William Leroy Young Town Schoolhouse Account	28284	(*)2,000 00					2,000 00
		\$2,850 00	\$111 93	\$33 61	\$12 25	\$133 29	\$2,983 29

(*) New Fund Created October 3, 1955

VITAL STATISTICS**BIRTHS**

Gary Alan Young to Gertrude A. and Robert A. Young at
Peterborough, N. H., January 10, 1955.

Frances Irene Marion to Pauline C. and Norman E. Marion at
Peterborough, N. H., January 27, 1955.

Dennis Herbert Stevens to Pearl Y. and A. Lester Stevens at
Peterborough, N. H., March 15, 1955.

Carl Frederick Newton to Violet M. and Wallace B. Newton at
Peterborough, N. H., November 25, 1955.

SCHOOL REPORT

ANNUAL REPORT OF THE SCHOOL DISTRICT OF SHARON, NEW HAMPSHIRE

For the School Year Ending June 30, 1955

OFFICERS OF THE SCHOOL DISTRICT

MODERATOR
J. Milton Street

CLERK
Elizabeth R. Kimball

SCHOOL BOARD	
Violet Newton (Appointed)	Term Expires 1956
Elizabeth R. Kimball	Term Expires 1956
Pearl Y. Stevens, Chairman	Term Expires 1958

TREASURER
Emily A. Day

SUPERINTENDENT OF SCHOOLS
Lester B. Badger

HELPING TEACHER
Robert Filbin

AUDITOR
J. Milton Street

NO SCHOOL SIGNAL

In case of emergency when it seems inadvisable to have school in session on any day, the No-School Signal will be given by sounding the signal 22 on the fire alarm system at 7:30 A. M., and by having it announced over radio station WBZ at the same time approximately. When the No-School Signal is given it means that there will be no school all day. If on a day when the weather looks so bad that one suspects there will be no school and by 7:30 has not heard the no-school whistle nor the no-school announcement on the radio, one can find out if there is to be no school by asking the telephone operator.

CALENDAR

1956

- April 20 Schools close—Spring vacation
- April 30 Schools reopen
- May 30 Schools closed—Memorial Day
- June 20 Schools close 12:15 (Unless time lost)—Summer vacation
- Sept. 5 Schools open
- Nov. 21 Schools close 12:15—Thanksgiving recess
- Dec. 21 Schools close—Christmas vacation

1957

- Jan. 7 Schools reopen
- Feb. 15 Schools close—Winter vacation
- Feb. 25 Schools reopen

REPORT OF DISTRICT CLERK

MARCH 8, 1955—7 P. M.

Meeting called to order at 7:01 P. M. by Winifred Clark, Moderator.

Warrant read by Moderator.

Action taken under:

Article 1. Miss Winifred Clark nominated for Moderator by Harrison Kimball. Nomination declined. Harrison Kimball nominated by Richard Wilson. Nomination declined. J. Milton Street nominated by Mrs. Rose Wilson. Motion seconded. Mrs. Rose Wilson moved clerk cast one ballot for Mr. Street. Motion carried.

Article 2. Mrs. Elizabeth R. Kimball nominated for district clerk by Mrs. Rose Wilson. Motion seconded. Clerk cast one ballot for Mrs. Elizabeth R. Kimball.

Article 3. Mrs. Pearl Y. Stevens nominated for School Board Member by Kenneth Wilkens. Motion seconded. Clerk cast one ballot for Mrs. Stevens.

Article 4. Miss Emily Day nominated by Edward Elliott for treasurer. Motion seconded. Clerk cast one ballot for Miss Day.

Article 5. Mrs. Pearl Y. Stevens moved that the salary of the Chairman of the School Board be \$25.00, of each other member, \$15.00, Treasurer, \$12.00, Clerk, \$10.00, Moderator \$2.00, Auditor \$15.00. Seconded by Rose Wilson. Motion carried unanimously.

Article 6. Mrs. Rose Wilson moved that the reports be accepted as printed. Motion seconded by Harrison Kimball. Motion carried unanimously.

Article 7. J. Milton Street nominated Auditor by Richard Wilson. Motion seconded. Rose Wilson moved clerk cast one ballot for Mr. Street. Motion carried.

Article 8. Pearl Y. Stevens moved that the school district raise and appropriate \$5,155.00 and to authorize and direct the school board to apply against said appropriation such income as is estimated by the school board exclusive of state aid, and upon determination of the amount of state aid to be received by the school district during the next fiscal year, to authorize and direct the school board to apply against such appropriation the sum to be received from state aid and with the school district clerk certify to the selectmen the balance as an assessment to be raised by the town for school purposes. Motion seconded by Mrs. Elizabeth R. Kimball. Motion carried unanimously.

Article 9. Pearl Y. Stevens moved that the district raise and appropriate, in addition to the original appropriation for 1954-55, \$450.00 to be made available to the school district prior to July 1, 1955, in order to meet unanticipated obligations for tuition caused by increased enrollments. Motion seconded by Richard Wilson. Motion carried unanimously.

Meeting adjourned 7:11 P. M.

S/ELIZABETH R. KIMBALL
District Clerk

March 10, 1955 A True Copy

SCHOOL WARRANT

To the Inhabitants of the School District in the Town of Sharon qualified to vote in district affairs:

You are hereby notified to meet at the Brick Schoolhouse in said district on the 13th day of March, 1956 at 7:00 P. M. to act upon the following subjects:

1. To choose a Moderator for the coming year.
2. To choose a Clerk for the ensuing year.
3. To choose a Member of the School Board for the ensuing year.
4. To choose a Member of the School Board for the ensuing three years.
5. To choose a Treasurer for the ensuing year.
6. To determine and appoint the salaries of the School Board, and fix the compensation of any other officers or agents of the district.
7. To hear the reports of Agents, Auditors, Committees, or Officers chosen, and pass any vote relating thereto.
8. To choose Agents, Auditors and Committees in relation to any subject embraced in this warrant.
9. To see what sum of money the district will raise and appropriate for the support of schools, for the salaries of school district officials, and agents, and for the payment of statutory obligations of the district, and to authorize the application against said appropriation of such sums as are estimated to be received from the state equalization fund together with other income; the school board to certify to the selectmen the balance between the estimated revenue and the appropriation, which balance is to be raised by taxes by the town.
10. To see if the district will vote to raise and appropriate, in addition to the original appropriation for 1955-56, a sum of \$618.00 to be made available to the school district prior to July 1, 1956 in order to meet unanticipated obligations for tuition caused by increased enrollments, or take any other action relating thereto.

Given under our hands at said Sharon this 26th day of January 1956.

S/PEARL Y. STEVENS
S/ELIZABETH R. KIMBALL
S/VIOLET NEWTON

REPORT OF DISTRICT TREASURER

For the Fiscal Year July 1, 1954 to June 30, 1955

Cash on Hand July 1, 1954		\$1,064 17
Received from Selectmen:		
Current Appropriation	\$3,382 00	
Special Appropriations	450 00	
Received from all Other Sources	96 46	
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TOTAL RECEIPTS		\$3,928 46
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Total Amount Available for Fiscal Year		\$4,992 63
Less School Board Orders Paid		4,884 15
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Balance on Hand, June 30, 1955		\$108 48

S/NORA F. CALEF

July 12, 1955

District Treasurer

AUDITOR'S CERTIFICATE

This is to certify that we have examined the books, vouchers, bank statements and other financial records of the treasurer of the school district of Sharon of which the above is a true summary for the fiscal year ending June 30, 1955 and find them correct in all respects.

July 15, 1955

S/JOHN MILTON STREET

SCHOOL BOARD'S FINANCIAL REPORT AND BUDGETS

	Expenditures 1954-55	Budget 1955-56	Revised Budget 1955-56	Budget 1956-57
ADMINISTRATION				
1. Salaries of District Officers	\$94 00	\$94 00	\$94 00	\$94 00
2. Salaries of Supt. & Helping Teacher	65 70	70 00	70 00	58 00
3. Tax for State-Wide Superv'n	28 00	22 00	22 00	28 00
4. Sals. of Other Admin. Per.	41 40	45 00	45 00	39 00
5. Supplies and Expenses	37 42	34 00	34 00	45 00
OPERATION OF SCHOOL PLANT				
13. Water, Light, Sup. & Exp.	8 40	—	—	—
AUXILIARY ACTIVITIES				
16. Transportation	1,547 00	1,870 00	2,230 00	2,070 00
17. Tuition	2,980 22	2,995 00	3,397 00	3,925 00
FIXED CHARGES				
19. Retirement	8 40	8 00	8 00	4 00
20. Ins., Treas. Bond & Exp.	9 20	11 00	11 00	9 00
CAPITAL OUTLAY				
23. New Equipment	2 25	6 00	6 00	—
	<u>\$4,821 99</u>	<u>\$5,155 00</u>	<u>\$5,917 00</u>	<u>\$6,272 00</u>
INCOME				
Cash on Hand July 1	\$1,064 17	—	\$108 48	—
Other	34 30	—	35 52	—
Local taxes: Current Approp.	3,382 00	\$5,155 00	5,155 00	\$6,272 00
Deficiency Approp.	450 00	—	618 00	—
	<u>\$4,930 47</u>	<u>\$5,155 00</u>	<u>\$5,917 00</u>	<u>\$6,272 00</u>
Cash on Hand June 30	108 48			
	<u>\$4,821 99</u>			

SUPERINTENDENT'S TOTAL SALARY 1954-55

Peterborough	\$1,915 20
Jaffrey	1,656 00
Dublin	451 20
Hancock	340 80
Rindge	393 60
Sharon	43 20
State's Share	<u>2,500 00</u>
	<u>\$7,300 00</u>

BALANCE SHEET JUNE 30, 1955

ASSETS:

Cash on Hand June 30, 1955	\$108 48	
Accounts Due to District:		
Peterborough School District	35 83	
(Refund Smith child)		
TOTAL ASSETS		\$144 31
Net Debt (Excess of Liabilities Over Assets)		215 69
GRAND TOTAL		\$360 00

LIABILITIES:

Accounts Owed by District:		
Frederick A. Wilder, Transp.	\$360 00	
TOTAL LIABILITIES		\$360 00
Surplus (Excess of Assets Over Liabilities)		
Grand Total		\$360 00

This is to certify that the information contained in this report was taken from official records and is complete and correct to the best of my knowledge and belief. The accounts are kept in accordance with Section 24 of Chapter 82 of the Revised Laws of New Hampshire 1942, and upon forms prescribed by the State Tax Commission.

S/PEARL Y. STEVENS
S/KENNETH WILKENS
S/ELIZABETH R. KIMBALL

S/ LESTER B. BADGER
Superintendent

School Report

July 20, 1955

NOTIFICATION OF SCHOOL ASSESSMENT, 1955

EXPENDITURES (1955-56)

Current Expenditures	\$5,149 00	
Capital Outlay		
New equipment	6 00	
Special Appropriations Deficiency		
Appropriation 1954-55	450 00	
Total Appropriation		\$5,605 00

RECEIPTS (1955-56)

Balance, June 30, 1955		
Other Receipts		
Total Appropriation		\$5,605 00

AUTHORIZATION TO ISSUE BONDS
None

CERTIFICATES

TO THE BOARD OF SELECTMEN:

I certify that the above is a correct statement of the obligations authorized, and the amounts to be assessed to meet statutory requirements and appropriations made at the annual meeting of the Sharon School District held March 8, 1955.

August 7, 1955

S/ELIZABETH R. KIMBALL
Clerk of the School District

TO THE STATE DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION:

I certify that the above is a correct statement of the financial proceedings of the district for the school year 1955-56, and that copies of this statement have been filed with the chairman of the board of selectmen and entered in the records of the school board in accordance with N. H. Laws of 1951, Chapter 37, Section 2.

August 5, 1955

S/PEARL Y. STEVENS
Chairman of the School Board

CHILDREN IN SCHOOL

The Sharon School District is responsible for tuition for two secondary and thirteen elementary school pupils currently enrolled in schools as follows:

Peterborough Consolidated School: Grade 1 Arthur Gupstill; Grade 3 Margaret Kimball and Roger Newton; Grade 4 Raymond M. LeClair, Robert Young and Joyce Gupstill; Grade 5 Joel R. Newton and Deborah Kimball; Grade 6 Alberta A. Stevens, Wayne A. Stevens and Jennie E. Gupstill; Grade 10 Wayne Wilson; Grade 12 Lillian M. Gupstill.

Jaffrey Grade School: Grade 1 Lyn S. Kolopakka; Grade 2 Carol A. Kolopakka.

CENSUS—1955

Ages as of Sept. 1, 1955		No. of children
Less than	1 year	4
	1	1
	2	2
	3	1
	4	5
	5	1
	6	1
	7	1
	8	2
	9	3
	10	2
	11	2
	12	1
	13	0
	14	0
	15	1
	16	1
	17	1
Through	18	0
Total		<hr/> 29

The total was 21 for 1954 and 19 for 1953

HELPING TEACHER'S REPORT

Your Helping Teacher Reports for the Year 1955

SUPERVISORY UNION NO. 47

Peterborough Jaffrey Dublin Hancock Rindge Sharon
December 1955

The Helping Teacher's role of counsellor, specialist and consultant to the professional staff, school boards and parents and to the community at large has one major objective and that is the improvement of the educational growth and development of the children in our schools. In trying to analyze what growth and development has occurred during a year one must look back to see what has been done in order to measure its relationship to the outcomes. Often the outcomes are not easy to see at a given time but are occurring all of the time and not all at **one** time.

What are some of the things your helping teacher has been doing this year with the preceding objectives in mind?

1. Over three hundred visits have been made to classrooms in the supervisory union for the purposes of supervision, observation and help.

2. Innumerable conferences have been held with principals, supervisors and nurses.

3. There have been some 30 cases of children requiring special help because of retardation or reading difficulties.

4. Many conferences have been held with groups of teachers for the purposes of studying and improving the curriculum notably in the areas of English, Social Studies, Language, Arts and Arithmetic.

5. A seminar on reading was arranged for elementary teachers, parents and school board members at which Anna Gillingham of New York and Dr. Helen Murphy of Boston presided. At this seminar teachers had an opportunity to discuss freely current problems in reading instruction.

6. Interviews of six children under the required entrance age were arranged and conducted in September.

7. Over fifty conferences were held with parents regarding problems or special help for their children.

8. Talks were delivered to different P. T. A.'s by your Helping Teacher.

9. Last year's new teacher's handbook was revised and brought up to date.

10. A monthly bulletin was published for all teachers and principals during the year. It included suggestions for the improvement of instruction and contained inspirational items as well as lists of new texts and materials available to all teachers.

11. Worked with special committees of the Supervisory Union Board in providing statistical and other information concerning retardation and remedial reading.

12. Interviewed and corresponded with over thirty-five candidates for the twenty vacancies in the various schools of the supervisory union this year.

13. Worked with teachers who had special problems in the classroom.

14. Worked with teachers in helping to determine those children who have reading difficulties and worked out ways of helping these children.

15. Administered tests to children having reading difficulties.

16. Arranged for special help for children who needed it outside the classroom.

17. Participated in local and state teachers meetings as a speaker and consultant.

18. Attended school board meetings.

19. Reviewed new textbook material and made recommendations for changes where it was felt an improvement could be made.

20. Attended summer school for professional improvement, taking courses in elementary and high school supervision.

What are some of the things which have been happening . . .

1. As a result of teacher conferences a unified Social studies program was worked out for grades 1-12 in our schools.

2. Individual techniques of teaching reading in order to help all children have been introduced and are being actively used in some of our schools.

3. An outline for the English program was worked out for grades 7-12 in one of the high schools.

4. Two teacher study and survey groups were organized and will be working during the current school year: one in the area of language arts (reading, spelling, writing) and arithmetic, the other in the area of reporting to parents.

5. A pilot program in the teaching of geometry was introduced into our high schools.

6. An experimental program to improve the teaching of spelling was introduced into one of the elementary schools.

7. In arithmetic tests administered by the University of New Hampshire pupils in our upper elementary grades scored higher than the state and national averages.

What are some of the things observed. . .

1. In spite of the many criticisms which have been leveled at public schools throughout the country this year on the score of reading instruction and curriculum our schools have continued to grow and to look for ways of improving. Not only have we been working in the areas of reading and curriculum but we are at present continuing our study of all areas of the curriculum.

2. Our school facilities have greatly improved and this is a great aid to instruction. This makes for a great difference in teacher and pupil morale.

3. The two committees appointed by the Supervisory Union Board to study the needs of Remedial Reading Instruction and help for retarded children as recommended by the Helping Teacher did a splendid job and it is hoped that the people of the various communities will back the school boards when they ask for money in their individual budgets to take care of these two great needs in our schools.

This has been a very rewarding year for the Helping Teacher. The wonderful cooperation of the Superintendent, Principals, Teachers, Schoolboard Members, Parents and citizens of the various communities have made it possible to do the job of "helping" with dispatch and meaning.

Respectfully submitted,

ROBERT FILBIN
Helping Teacher

To the Residents and Taxpayers of Sharon:

Sharon's school population is about to rise so rapidly that your school board feels it imperative to present to you a statistical picture of the next six years. This schedule is based upon current census figures. Tuition figures are those to be paid in 1956-1957, transportation figures are the same as allowed in the 1956-1957 budget, and the overhead figure is varied by the per capita tax only. This schedule makes no effort to predict rising costs in any category except the number of tuitions for which the district will be liable.

YEAR NUMBER OF CHILDREN	56-57 17	57-58 19	58-59 20	59-60 21	60-61 24	61-62 26
High School Tuition	\$325 00	\$325 00	\$975 00	\$1,625 00	\$2,600 00	\$3,250 00
Elementary Tuition	3,600 00	4,050 00	3,825 00	3,600 00	3,600 00	3,600 00
Transportation	2,070 00	2,070 00	2,070 00	2,070 00	2,070 00	2,070 00
Overhead	277 00	283 00	287 00	289 00	291 00	297 00
Totals	\$6,272 00	\$6,728 00	\$7,087 00	\$7,584 00	\$8,561 00	\$9,217 00

